



*Embassy of the United States of America
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia*

WARDEN MESSAGE

September 20, 2008

The Embassy requests that wardens pass the following message in its entirety to members of the American Community:

American citizens are reminded that the security threat level in the Gulf region, including Saudi Arabia, remains very high following the events in Yemen on September 17 and the subsequent public claims of responsibility and continuing calls for further attacks. The Department of State remains concerned about possible attacks by extremist individuals or groups against American citizens, facilities, living quarters, businesses, and perceived interests.

Those Americans who choose to visit Saudi Arabia are strongly urged to avoid staying in hotels or housing compounds that do not apply stringent security measures and are also advised to maintain good situational awareness when visiting commercial establishments frequented by Westerners. All Americans are advised to keep a low profile; vary travel times and routes; exercise caution while driving, entering, or exiting vehicles; and ensure that travel documents and visas are current and valid.

The U.S. Embassy in Riyadh encourages all Americans to register online at (http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/registration/registration_1186.html).

For the latest security information, Americans traveling abroad should regularly monitor the State Department's Internet web site at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, including the Travel Warning for Saudi Arabia, and Travel Alerts can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the U.S. and Canada or, for callers outside the U.S. and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. Holidays).

In case of an emergency please contact the Embassy Riyadh Duty Officer at 050-525-2845; or the Embassy Riyadh switchboard at 01-488-3800.

American citizens are reminded to keep their registration up-to-date. See <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/> for registration information.

To hear recordings of the most recent security information, you may call the Embassy in Riyadh at +966-1-488-3800 and press 6 for regional or worldwide security information or press 7 for "Travel Warning for Saudi Arabia". You can also review earlier Warden Messages at <http://riyadh.usembassy.gov/service/advisories-for-americans-in-ksa/warden-messages.html>.

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